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U.S. MARSHALS CAPTURE “AMERICA’S MOST WANTED” FUGITIVE

Members of the U.S. Marshals Service Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested Jose Quinones in Beach Park, Illinois on Tuesday. Quinones, who was profiled on the television show, “America’s Most Wanted” on November 8, 2003 was wanted by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico after being sentenced to two life sentences and forty years in 1989.

In April 1999, Quinones escaped from prison after being convicted of multiple crimes including weapons violations, murder, attempted murder and kidnapping. A few months after his escape, a corrections officer from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico spotted Quinones in a restaurant in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Quinones recognized the officer and he and two of his “bodyguards” opened fire on the officer while he was in his vehicle. During the gunfight, the officer was able to wound the two “bodyguards” but Quinones was able to escape.

On November 8, 2003, the television show, “America’s Most Wanted” profiled Quinones on their program. After the show aired, numerous tips were phoned into the television station. On November 11, 2003, a “tipster” was able to provide information of a possible apartment complex where the fugitive may have been residing. “That’s all the task force officers needed to get on Quinones’s trail,” stated Shannon Metzger, spokesperson for the U.S. Marshals Service. Members of the task force utilizing informants, interviews, and

investigative techniques were able to locate Quinones in a residential neighborhood in Beach Park, Illinois. Quinones was taken into custody without incident.

“This capture is the direct result of law enforcement from multiple jurisdictions working together,” said Task Force Commander Thomas Hession. Involved in the arrest of Quinones were Task Force Members from the U.S. Marshals Service, Chicago Police Department, Cook County Sheriff’s Department, and officers from the Illinois Department of Corrections.